*Authorisation of expenditure under Section 32 of the Legislative Reforms Regulation.*

15 * **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Dewan, as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, has assured the Committee that, in future, whenever it became necessary to spend money which was not included in the budget, the matter would be placed before the Finance Committee before he certifies any amount under Section 32 of the Legislative Reforms Regulation;

(*b*) the total number of cases together with the amounts in which authorisations were made under Section 32 in 1109, 1110 and in 1111 up to 1-7-1111; and

(*c*) the number of such cases in which the matter was placed before the Finance Committee before authorisation under Section 32?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No; what the Chairman meant was that, in future, whenever it became necessary to spend money which was not included in the budget, the Government will decide whether the matter could be placed before the Finance Committee, *except in very emergent cases when such a procedure would obviously not be feasible.*

(*b*) In 1109—Rs. 5,26,853 under 81 items.
In 1110—Rs. 2,59,882 under 22 items.
For the first six months of 1111—Rs. 72,751 under 7 items.

(*c*) Nil. Expenditure is authorised in cases of emergency under Section 32 of the Legislative Reforms Regulation which does not contemplate a reference to the Finance Committee.

**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether the third item in answer to part (*b*) *viz.*, Rs. 72,751 includes the amount certified by Government under Section 32, for the reorganisation of the C. I. D.?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government when the Government passed the final orders on the question of the reorganisation of the C. I. D.?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice, Sir.

**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government when the Government did certify the amount on the reorganisation of C. I. D.?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

**PRESIDENT**: I am afrid the honourable member is repeating the same answer.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Sir, all my supplementary questions relate to the main question. The Financial Secretary is expected to study the whole question and be in possession of all information relating to it.

PRESIDENT: He claims notice because your supplementary questions are connected with one and the same matter.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Sir, the qustion of reorganisation of the C. I. D. was a very important matter and a huge amount was spent on that. Government had promised that the Finance Committee would be consulted in the matter before final orders were passed. But neither the Finance Committee nor the Legislature was consulted. That is a very serious omission on the part of Government. So I wish to elicit information from the Financial Secretary.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have examined the papers just now and I find that a sum of Rs. 14,030 has been certified for the reorganisation of the C. I. D. Branch of the Police Department.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Now that he is in a position to answer, may I know from the Government when the Government passed final orders on the question of the reorganisation of the C. I. D.?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they are in a position to inform the House when they certified the amount for the reorganisation of the C. I. D.?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I am not able to give the date on which the certification was made. The amount is included in the total amount certified. That is all I know.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government why the Finance Committee was not consulted, as was promised, on this very important matter, before they certified the amount under Section 32?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, there was no definite promise that the Finance Committee will be consulted in every case. If it is convenient and the Finance Committee is sitting the matter will be placed before the Finance Committee and the opinion of the Committee will be taken into consideration. Government is under no obligation to consult the Finance Committee.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether the Government is of the opinion that the—

PRESIDENT: Questions on *opinion* are never asked as supplementary questions.

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**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government think that the assurance given by the Chairman in the Finance Committee is of no weight?

**PRESIDENT**: Even that question is not admitted.

**MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the Government what was the urgency for the reorganisation of the C. I. D. without consulting this House in incurring a huge amount?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government considered that the matter was very urgent and it could not wait till the meeting of the legislature and so orders have had to be passed immediately.

**MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what those particular considerations are which weighed with Government for the reorganisation of the C. I. D. all on a sudden?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Police Commissioner advised that the reorganisation was absolutely and essential and urgently necessary.

**MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know on what basis the Police Commissioner made that advice?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether any sudden calamity was prevented by that authorisation?

**PRESIDENT**: Perhaps the contention of the Police Commissioner was that, if the Police had not been reorganised' some calamity would have happened. But because nothing had happened to say that the Police Commissioner's claim was not on proper basis, is not just.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the Government the date on which the Police Commissioner submitted his reorganisat on scheme to Government?

**PRESIDENT**: That has been asked and answered. The member said he claims notice.

*Land Mortgage Bank.*

16 ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of a peculiar kind of land mortgage, namely, mortgage with possession and lease-back (usufructuary mortgage) prevalent in North Travancore;

(*b*) whether loans will be given to the agricultural debtors to clear their prior debts on the security of lands mortgaged under the above-mentioned system of mortgage from the State Land Mortgage Bank;

(*c*) whether representations have been received from the agricultural debtors of North Travancore bringing to the notice of the Government the hardship created as the result of a rule of the State Land Mortgage Bank Rules in disqualifying lands mortgaged under usufructuary mortgage system as security for loans from the Bank and hence the urgent necessity of am nding that rule;

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